

## **Krishna: The original Candle**

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The 64 qualities of Krsna who is the Supreme Personality of Godhead and cause of all causes.

Krsna is like an original candle that lights all other candles, Krsna is that original candle.

Krsna has 64 qualities that are the full expression and potential of His Personality.

However, the Visnu-tattva expansions (also God) have 60 of those qualities out of the full 64, which is 93.75% of Krsna's qualities.

Some cannot understand why Krsna has more qualities than Visnu or Narayana, and why Krsna is the original Supreme Personality of Godhead and cause of all causes. As said above, like an original candle that lights all other candles, Krsna is that original candle. This means all Visnu/Narayana 4 armed forms are expansions of Krsna, meaning Krsna is NOT an expansion of Visnu as many Hindus wrongly believe today.

The fact is Krsna is NOT an expansion of Visnu/Narayana, all other forms of God originate from Krsna who is the original Supreme Personality of Godhead and cause of all causes.

Krsna has 4 qualities or attributes that Visnu/Narayana do not have always in full like Krsna does, they are the following-

- (1) Krsna is the performer of wonderful varieties of pastimes (especially His childhood pastimes).
- (2) Krsna is surrounded by devotees endowed with wonderful love of Godhead.
- (3) Krsna can attract all living entities all over the universes by playing on His flute.
- (4) Krsna has a wonderful excellence of beauty which cannot be rivaled anywhere in the creation.

These four qualities Krsna ALWAYS has in full, while the Visnu/Narayana forms of God can only partially exhibit them.

It is important to understand that Visnu/Narayana forms of God only sometimes exhibited these 4 unique qualities of Krsna partially.

Other living entities like Siva-tattva have 55 of Krsna's 64 qualities which is 84.375%.

Jiva-tattva (jiva-souls) have 50 of Krsna's 64 qualities which is 78.125%.

So the difference between Krsna (64 qualities) and Visnu/Narayana (60 qualities), Siva (55 qualities), jiva-soul (50 qualities) are explained here.

Although Visnu can temporarily exhibit those ALL these qualities when He plays the part of Krsppna during Krsna lila in the material creation because the original Krsna never leaves Vṛndāvana.

In actual fact, the full extent of Krsna's wonderful qualities or attributes are inconceivable.

Here are Krsna's 64 qualities or attributes-

- (1) Beautiful features of the entire body
- (2) Marked with all auspicious characteristics
- (3) Extremely pleasing
- (4) Effulgent
- (5) Strong
- (6) Ever youthful
- (7) Wonderful linguist
- (8) Truthful
- (9) Talks pleasingly
- (10) Fluent
- (11) Highly learned
- (12) Highly intelligent
- (13) Genius
- (14) Artistic
- (15) Extremely clever
- (16) Expert
- (17) Grateful
- (18) Firmly determined

- (19) An expert judge of time and circumstances
- (20) Sees and speaks on the authority of Vedas, or scriptures
- (21) Pure
- (22) Self-controlled
- (23) Steadfast
- (24) Forbearing
- (25) Forgiving
- (26) Grave
- (27) Self-satisfied
- (28) Possessing equilibrium
- (29) Magnanimous
- (30) Religious
- (31) Heroic
- (32) Compassionate
- (33) Respectful
- (34) Gentle
- (35) Liberal
- (36) Shy
- (37) The protector of surrendered souls
- (38) Happy
- (39) The well-wisher of devotees
- (40) Controlled by love
- (41) all-auspicious
- (42) Most powerful
- (43) all-famous

(44) Popular

(45) Partial to devotees

(46) Very attractive to all women

(47) all-worship able

(48) all-opulent

(49) all-honourable

(50) The supreme controller.

(51) Changeless

(52) all-cognizant

(53) Ever fresh

(54) sat, cit, ananda, vigraha (meaning eternity, knowledge, bliss and form) AS the "eternal bodily form" Kṛṣṇa is. The jiva-souls (marginal living entities) in their full potential are also an eternally a bodily form like Kṛṣṇa, they are NOT impersonal, nor are they originally a inactive "spark of consciousness" in Kṛṣṇa's effulgence (Brahmajyoti)

(55) Possessing all mystic perfections.

(56) He has inconceivable potency.

(57) Uncountable universes generate from His body.

(58) He is the original source of all incarnations.

(59) He is the giver of salvation to the enemies whom He kills.

(60) He is the attractor of liberated souls.

Besides these sixty transcendental qualities, Kṛṣṇa has four more, which are not manifested even in the Viṣṇu/Narayana form of Godhead, what to speak of the demigods or living entities.

They are as follows:

(61) He is the performer of wonderful varieties of pastimes (especially His childhood pastimes).

(62) He is surrounded by devotees endowed with wonderful love of Godhead.

(63) He can attract all living entities all over the universes by playing on His

flute.

(64) He has a wonderful excellence of beauty which cannot be rivaled anywhere in the creation.

The Absolute Truth is anandamaya (desiring to increase His joy), hence from His original form He expands and becomes many.

These emanations from the Supreme Person are of two categories: full expansions and partially manifested expansions.

The Lord's various full and partial expansions and the Lord Himself simultaneously co-exist, only appearing to manifest under the influence of time.

These expansions of Kṛṣṇa are known as Visnu-tattva Forms of God, and they are also the Supreme Absolute Truth.

While non-different from Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Visnu-tattvas like

Balarama who is Kṛṣṇa's first expansion,

Pradyumna,

Ramachandra,

Narsingadeva

Visnu,

Narayana,

Maha-Visnu,

Garbhodakashayi Visnu,

Paramatma, etc.

All accept their own role as Godhead in the mood of Servitor to the original Supreme Being Lord Kṛṣṇa, for example Visnu and Narayana Forms, all with different names, are found on all Vaikuntha planets in the Spiritual sky.

This relationship is the foundation of Vedic monotheism, which encompasses the inconceivable, absolute personal nature of the original Godhead.

Lord Kṛṣṇa possesses two other expansive qualities known as Siva-tattva and jiva-tattva.

Together with Visnu-tattva, these three qualities are representative of the Absolute Person's internal, external and marginal energies.

The Lord has expanded Himself as Lord Siva and Lord Brahma, and we, the living entities, are also expansions.

Like us, Lord Brahma is also jiva-tattva.

Lord Siva is between Visnu-tattva and jiva-tattva and Lord Visnu is Visnu-tattva (God).

Visnu-tattva, Siva-tattva and jiva-tattva are all expansions of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Krsna in different categories.

Therefore as a reminder we can summarize as follows

Lord Krsna has 64 qualities or 100% of His own qualities.

Visnu-tattva has 60 qualities or – 93.75% of Krsna's 64 qualities.

Siva-tattva has 55 qualities or – 84.375% of Krsna's 64 qualities.

Jiva-tattva has 50 qualities or – 78.125% of Krsna's 64 qualities.

This is the reason why Krsna is called Param Purushottam, Purnavatar or Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Reference from Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 1 Ch 3 text 29

Learned scholars in transcendental subjects have carefully analyzed the summum bonum Krsna to have sixty-four principal attributes.

All the expansions or categories of the Lord possess only some percentages of these attributes. But Sri Krsna is the possessor of the attributes cent percent.

And His personal expansions such as svayam-prakasa, tad-ekatma up to the categories of the avatars who are all visnu-tattva, possess up to 93.75% of these transcendental attributes.

Lord Siva, who is neither avatara nor avesha nor in between them, possesses almost 84.375% of the attributes.

But the jiva-tattva souls, or the individual marginal living beings in different statuses of life, possess up to the limit of 78.125% of Krsna's attributes.

In the conditioned state of material existence, the living being possesses these attributes in very minute quantity, varying in terms of the pious life of the living being.

The most perfect of living beings is Brahma, the supreme administrator of one universe.

He possesses 78.125% percent of the attributes in full.

All other demigods have the same attributes in less quantity, whereas human beings possess the attributes in very minute quantity.

The standard of perfection for a human being is to develop the attributes up to 78.125% in full.

The marginal living entities or jiva-tattvas can never possess attributes like Siva, Visnu or Lord Krsna.

The jiva-souls (jiva-tattva) can become godly by developing their full potential of 78.125% of their transcendental attributes but he can never become a God like Krsna or Visnu or Siva.

Although he can become a Brahma in due course.

The godly living beings who are all residents of the Vaikuntha planets in the spiritual sky, are eternal associates of Vishnu in different spiritual planets called Hari-dhama and Mahesa-dhama.

However, the abode of Lord Krsna is above all these Vaikuntha planets and is called Krsnaloka or Goloka Vrndavana.

The perfected jiva-soul, by developing 78.125% of their above attributes, can enter the planet of Krsnaloka or the Vaikuntha planets after leaving their the present material bodily vessel in the material creation.

By reaching there full potential of 78.125%, the jiva-souls can AGAIN enter the planet of Krsna-loka (Goloka-Vrindavana), or a Vaikuṇṭha planet of their choice, after leaving their present decaying material bodily vessel.

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